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Reply to: ORC-158

**CERTIFIED MAIL / RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

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Re: Gorst Creek Landfill Site, Kitsap County, Washington

Dear Page:

As we discussed on February 2, 2010, enclosed with this letter is documentation of the Puget Sound Naval Station's (PSNS) involvement in waste disposal operations at the Gorst Creek Landfill (Site), located at or around 4275 State Route 3 SW, Port Orchard, Washington. In the past the Site has also been referred to as Ames Auto Wrecking, Ames Auto Wrecking Too, the Ames Landfill, Bremerton Auto Wrecking, and the Bremerton Auto Wrecking Landfill (BAWL).

EPA first notified the Navy of its intent to pursue a response action at the Site in a General Notice Letter dated December 24, 2009. This letter requested that the Navy restart its previous efforts to select and implement a response, and requested that the Navy contact EPA to schedule a meeting to discuss potential response actions. During our call you informed me that the Navy did not have information to establish that it was a liable party and was therefore not prepared to meet with EPA to discuss the Site.

The enclosed documents are representative of information presently available to EPA. EPA is continuing to collect additional information through a review of county and state files, witness interviews and information request letters. However, as noted in the General Notice Letter, EPA already believes that the Navy may be liable for the response costs at the Site.

As explained in the General Notice Letter, and as I attempted to explain during our conversation, EPA considers this Site a danger to public health, welfare and the environment. The enclosed documents are provided to assist the Navy with efforts to review its involvement at the Site and to encourage the Navy to not delay meeting with EPA while efforts to collect information continue.

If you have any questions concerning the Site or enclosed documents please feel free to contact me at (206) 553-4710, or by email at [fidis.alexander@epa.gov](mailto:fidis.alexander@epa.gov).

Sincerely,



Alex Fidis  
Office of Regional Counsel

Enclosures:

Letter from J.W. Cordanier, Commanding Officer Northwest Division Naval Facilities Engineering Command, to John A. Bishop, Attorney at Law (Aug. 21, 1969)

Refuse Disposal Service Specifications for Contract N62476-68-B-1717

Letter from E.R. Oscarson, Commander CEC USN Acting Executive Assistant to Commander Naval Facilities Engineering Command, to U.S. Senator Henry M. Jackson (Dec. 22, 1969)

Letter from J.A. Weigel, Director of Environmental Health Bremerton-Kitsap County Health Department, to Earl M. King, Bremerton Auto Wrecking (Nov. 4, 1977)

Letter from Curtis H. Coons, Attorney at Law, to City of Bremerton Department of Public Health and Kitsap County Commissioners Office (Oct. 29, 1969)

Letter from J.A. Weigel, Director of Environmental Health Bremerton-Kitsap County Health Department, to Ames Auto Wrecking, Inc. (Sept. 25, 1969)

Garbage Disposal Area Inspection Report (May 11, 1970)